

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1733

PATENT Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 7040.0117.00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Adamo SALA |) Group Art Unit: 1733 |
| Application Serial No.: 10/042,184 |) Examiner: Knable, Geoffrey L. |
| Filed: January 11, 2002 |) Confirmation No.: 3943 |
| For: TYRE-ASSEMBLING APPARATUS |)) |

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, the period for response having been extended through July 24, 2006 (July 22, 2006, being a Saturday) by Petition for Extension of Time of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.